



CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt Resolution Amending the Bylaws for the Lodi Improvement Committee to allow for a change in their meeting day and when they elect Officers each year.

MEETING DATE: August 20, 2008

PREPARED BY: Community Development Department

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Adopt a Resolution amending the Bylaws for the Lodi Improvement Committee (LIC) to allow for a change in their meeting day and when they elect Officers each year.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Lodi Improvement Committee wishes to change its meeting day to the second Tuesday of each month. It also wants to change the month in which it selects officers each year. Those dates are specified within the By-Laws for the LIC and therefore require Council action to approve.

Article VII – Section 2 of the By-Laws specifies that regular meetings will be on the first Tuesday of each month. In order to be able to hold its regular meetings within the Carnegie Forum, the LIC did choose to move its regular meeting date to the second Tuesday of each month and did approve an amendment of the Bylaws accordingly to read, “Regular meetings of the Board shall be held once a month, on the second Tuesday of each month, at a location to be determined by the Board and opened to the public.”

Article IV – Section 1, of the By-Laws specifies that, “New officers shall be elected by the Board annually at the first meeting in March.” This usually creates a conflict with the appointment/re-appointment of members to the LIC which is done through the Lodi City Council. Those appointments are usually done at either the first or second Council meeting in March, which is usually after the LIC’s regular meeting. In order to allow for the election of officers to occur after the appointments/re-appointments have been made, the LIC has chosen to amend the language within the By-Laws to read, “New officers shall be elected by the Board annually at the first meeting in April.”


The Lodi Improvement Committee reviewed and approved these revisions unanimously at special meetings held on July 8, 2008 and August 12, 2008. The Lodi Improvement Committee is requesting that the City Council approve the proposed By-Law amendments, attached as Exhibit A.

APPROVED:

Blair King, City Manager

FISCAL IMPACT: None

FUNDING AVAILABLE: N/A



Joseph Wood
Co-Interim Community Development Director

Attachment (1)

BYLAWS OF

THE LODI IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

ARTICLE I

ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1.

Under the auspices of the City of Lodi, there is hereby created the Lodi Improvement Committee.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES

SECTION 1. GENERAL PURPOSE

The Lodi Improvement Committee is organized and created for the purposes of maintaining and improving the quality of life and appearance of Lodi by the coordinated efforts of a broad spectrum of the community.

SECTION 2. SPECIFIC GOALS/PURPOSES

- A) To combat illegal drugs, prostitution, and other crimes by such measures as cooperation with or establishment of groups such as Crime Stoppers and Neighborhood Watch.
- B) To eliminate blight and encourage the maintenance, improvement, or rehabilitation of properties throughout Lodi, with the cooperation of residents, property owners, business, and government.
- C) To act as an advocate for residents in issues dealing with the upgrade, improvement and maintenance of all infrastructure, including streets, alleys, water, sewer and storm drainage systems.
- D) To encourage compliance with building, housing, fire, and other health and safety laws, and local property maintenance ordinances by property owners, residents, and businesses.

- E) To coordinate with churches, civic and community groups, and other community based organizations to educate and inform the public on ways of achieving these goals, and to keep the public informed of the efforts.
- F) To work with business community to encourage a healthy business climate.
- G) Provide acknowledgement to properties and businesses throughout the City that show marked improvements in service and appearance that contributes to the image and quality of the community.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

General membership shall be open to all persons.

SECTION 2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Effective April 1, 1994, the fifteen (15) person Board of Directors established by City Council action on March 17, 1993 shall, by attrition, be reduced to a nine (9) member board. Such attrition shall occur by resignation or removal of directors currently serving. During the transition, a quorum of the Board for voting or meeting purposes shall consist of fifty percent (50%) plus one of all directors then serving on the Board. After transition is complete, directors shall continue to serve three year staggered terms, based on their original date of appointment.

SECTION 3. SUBCOMMITTEES

There may be as many subcommittees as deemed necessary by the Board to accomplish any specific goal to be achieved by the Improvement Committee.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

SECTION 1. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The Executive Officers shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Treasurer. New officers shall be elected by the Board annually at the first meeting in ~~March~~ April.

SECTION 2.

The Chairperson or Vice Chairperson shall serve as spokesperson for the Lodi Improvement Committee and liaison with the Lodi City Council.

SECTION 3.

Any Executive Officer or Board of Directors member who misses three (3) unexcused meetings within a one year period without the consent of one of the Executive Board Members shall be deemed to have vacated the office.

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

SECTION 1. REVENUES

All revenues of the Lodi Improvement Committee shall be administered through a bank account, to be monitored by the City of Lodi and into which all donations, gifts, or other revenues raised by the Lodi Improvement Committee shall be placed. All expenditures must be approved by a majority vote of the Board, subject to City Council overview and signed by Treasurer and one Executive Officer.

SECTION 2. AUDITING

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ARTICLE VI

TERM OF EXISTENCE/DISSOLUTION

SECTION 1. CONTINUOUS OPERATION

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ARTICLE VII

BOARD PROCEDURES

SECTION 1. PROCEDURES

After the transition described in Article III, Section 2 above is complete, five Board Members shall constitute a quorum and may conduct business at any regular meeting. A majority of those present may act by affirmative vote. No proxy voting is allowed.

SECTION 2. MEETING

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ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1.

These Bylaws shall constitute the empowering documents for the Lodi Improvement Committee and may be revised by the City Council or a majority vote of the Board of Directors, at a regular meeting previously announced for the purpose, subject to ratification by the Lodi City Council.

ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL VOTE ON _____, RATIFIED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE LODI IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE ON JULY 8, 2008 AND AUGUST 12, 2008.

CHAIRPERSON

APPROVED AS TO FORM

D. STEPHEN SCHWABAUER
CITY ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-168

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL
APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS FOR
THE LODI IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the members of the Lodi Improvement Committee (LIC) wish to change the language in the bylaws pertaining to the day in which its meetings are held and the month in which officers are elected; and

WHEREAS, at special meetings held on July 8, 2008 and August 12, 2008, the LIC voted and approved said amendments to the bylaws and hereby respectfully submits the amended bylaws to the Lodi City Council for its review and approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council does hereby approve the amendments to the bylaws for LIC, changing language pertaining to the day in which meetings are held and the month in which officers are elected each year, as shown on Exhibit A attached and made a part of this Resolution.

Dated: August 20, 2008

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2008-168 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held August 20, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hansen, Hitchcock, Johnson, Katzakian,
and Mayor Mounce

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None


RANDI JOHL
City Clerk

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